

closing statement, Senator Wickersham?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I will waive closing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We will now proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 153. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed please vote nay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I still think we ought to have signet rings.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Have you all voted, finally? Record, Mr. Clerk

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 153.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is approved and LB 153 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 189 was a bill introduced by Senator Chizek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I now recognize Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Madam President, colleagues, LB 189 is the...this is basically the third time that this bill, with different numbers only, has been on the floor. And, in all cases, we had run out of time. In 1987, it was LB 271; in '89 it was LB 139. I think the main point in the bill, as the committee statement indicates, the main point is to free the counties from the administrative fiat but without sacrificing the philosophy of why we have jail standards. Current statutes require the board to set standards for both new jails and those in use at the moment; no differentiation between standards for new and existing jails. We provide a differentiation by inserting the word "minimum" in reference to standards for existing jails. What that accomplishes is an assurance that all jails throughout the state meet constitutional and safety requirements. What it prevents is the risk of subjecting existing buildings to subjective curricular or extracurricular standards decreed, by the State Office Building, that may not be